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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 Approved January 28, 2013

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:37 PM on Monday, January 14, 2013.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Tom Congoran, Selectman
George Langwasser, Selectman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Denis Goddard, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Merle Dustin, Ken Wilkens

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 5-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of December 17, 2012. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Goddard to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, Langwasser abstains; motion passes; 4-0-1.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of December 17, 2012. Selectman Congoran made a motion, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, Langwasser abstains; motion passes; 4-0-1.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Kelly Davis-PortOne Architects, Bob Duval from TF Moran and Jeff Yale, Interim Fire Chief-Mr. Davis started by reviewing what took place at the meeting just prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting. He stated there were very good questions asked at the Special Town meeting and he wants to make sure everyone is better prepared for the March Town Meeting presentation for the Highway garage. They will develop a master schedule to keep on track. The presentation will consist of a power point as well as handouts. Selectmen Langwasser stated there was a question about solar panels. Mr. Davis stated the time it would take to recoup the costs did not make it an efficient solution. Discussion ensued about other questions that were raised during the meeting as well as other heat related questions.

A discussion ensued with regards to the progress made on the Fire Station. Mr. Davis inquired if the Board was still planning on presenting the Fire Station at the 2014 meeting as he believes presenting both at the same meeting would seem to create competition. Chairmen O'Brien stated the Board needs a report as required by vote of last year's town meeting. A discussion ensued about both site options. Interim Fire Chief Jeff Yale stated that most of the firefighters would like to stay at the current location. Further discussion ensued with regards to what would have to be done to ensure that the current location could hold the weight of a second floor. Because no plans for the fire station have been found, they will need to cut into the roof to see if it will sustain the weight. Mr. Duval stated we need to be very careful if we renovate because we will have to meet all the new building codes.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Janet Krzyzaniak states that the Fire Department members have been working very hard to get the new fire truck into service. She further stated that she doesn't think people realize how much work is done to get the new truck into service.

Ken Wilkens presented the Board with a petitioned warrant article for Town Meeting to rescind "Pay by Bag."

V. OLD BUSINESS

Highway Garage Update: A new trailer has arrived as the other one was not big enough, and although this is not the ideal situation, it is an improvement over the last trailer.

Mr. Cass reported that he has spoken with LGC and they are working with the reinsurer in an effort to bring up the offer. They will be responding within 10 days.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Year End Financial Review: revenue is up and expenses are lower than expected. Mr. Cass stated the Department Heads have worked hard at keeping their budgets down and they have done a great job.

The Board reviewed the Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cass stated he believed there would be no zoning amendments this year. A discussion ensued with regards to Articles 4 and 14.

Mr. Cass noted there was a Shared Services Meeting on January 31, 2012. Discussion ensued with regards to whether this was a viable option for Hopkinton. Most of the towns are smaller than Hopkinton and some of the services they are trying to pool would not work for us.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATES

The town will be handing out a Full Compensation Package Sheet for all full time employees showing what their total compensation package is.

New fire truck has arrived and the department is working hard to get it into service.

Mr. Cass stated work is being done to get the skating rink up and running. It will be located in front of the library.

Selectmen Langwasser stated he wanted to be sure that Tom Yestramski would get an invitation to bid with regards to the Highway Garage project.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 III (b) Hiring

Selectman Congoran moved to go into a non-public session regarding the hiring of a public employee under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (b). Selectman Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Langwasser, Goddard Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:43 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:04 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Selectman Congoran moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session for a period of 30 day. Selectman Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Langwasser, Goddard Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (a) Personnel

Selectman Congoran moved to go into a non-public session regarding a personnel issue under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Langwasser, Goddard Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

The Board went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 8:05 p.m. The Town Administrator joined them at 8:15. The Board returned to public session at 8:40 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Selectman Congoran moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session indefinitely. Selectman Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Langwasser, Goddard Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Congoran, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.